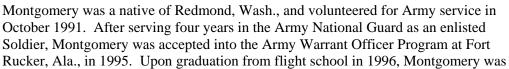


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Chief Warrant Officer 4 Michael P. Montgomery Died on October 26, 2009 Operation Enduring Freedom

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Michael P. Montgomery, 36, died Oct. 26, 2009, when his MH-47 Chinook helicopter crashed while conducting military operations in western Afghanistan.





assigned to 1st Battalion, 185th Aviation Regiment at Camp Murray, Wash., as an aviation life support equipment officer (ALSE) and instructor pilot. In 2003, he was assigned to 1st Battalion, 168th Aviation Regiment as the ALSE and tactical operations officer. In October 2004, he was assigned to the Western Army National Guard Aviation Training Site (WAATS) in Arizona as a senior instructor pilot and instrument flight examiner. After a successful assessment in 2006, Montgomery was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) in Savannah, Ga., as an electronic warfare officer. Montgomery earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Aeronautical Science from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in 2002.

He was a combat veteran with seven deployments, two in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and five in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

His military training includes the Warrant Officer Candidate School, the Aviation Warrant Officer Basic Course, the Aviation Warrant Officer Advanced Course, the Aviation Tactical Operations Course, U. S. Air Force Survival Service Training Course, the UH-60 Aviator Qualification Course, the OH-58 and CH-47 Instructor Pilot Courses, the Rotary Wing Instructor Flight Examiner course, the Aviation Safety Officers Course, the Warrant Officer Orientation Course, the Total Army Instructor Training Course and the Action Officer Development Course. Montgomery's awards include the Air Medal, two Army Commendation Medals, the Army Achievement Medal, four Army Reserve Component Achievement Medals, two National Defense Service Medals, Afghanistan Campaign Medal-Campaign Star, Iraqi Campaign Medal-Campaign Star, Global War On Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, the Army Service Ribbon, and Senior Aviator Badge.

Montgomery is survived by his wife and son, Anita and Riley Montgomery, of Savannah, Ga; and his mother, Mary Montgomery, of Redmond, Wash.

October 29, 2009